

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicants herein acknowledge the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 37 through 39, and 52 through 54 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

- I. Claims 37-39, drawn to method of preventing a circuit having a test mode entry function, classified in class 714, subclass 724;
- II. Claims 52-53, drawn a method of protecting a test circuit from receiving a subsequent latching signal, classified in class 714, subclass 726; and
- III. Claim 54, drawn to a method of preventing a test vector decode circuit from reentering a test mode, classified in class 714, subclass 724.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Invention I, claims 37 through 39, without traverse. Please cancel claims 52 through 54, and add new claims 55 through 64 as set forth in the listing of claims.

Amendment

Applicants have amended claims 37-39 to correct grammatical and typographical errors. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments as presented herein.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Office on March 19, 2004, and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments to claims 37 through 39, and newly added claims 55 through 64 above should be entered by the Examiner because the amendments and newly added claims are supported by the as-filed specification and drawings and do not add any new matter to the application.

CONCLUSION

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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